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SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஹரிஜனங்கள் சம்பந்தமாக மாதாமாதம் பம்பாயிலிருந்து பேப்பர் ரிபோர்ட்கள் வருகின்றனவா ? என்ன ரிபோர்ட்டு வருகிறது என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லுவார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know what reliance can be placed on reports received from Bombay with reference to incidents happening in our area here. But anyhow, if it happens to be useful information, certainly I would make use of it."

Thefts and losses in the Public Works Department Workshop and Stores.

* 851 *Q.*— SRI O. VENKATASUBBA REDDI (on behalf of Sri T. P. Elumalai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 8-30 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Government have received copies of any resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the Public Works Department Workers' Union in May and June 1953 making mention of several thefts and losses in the Public Works Department Workshop and Stores and several irregularities committed every now and then by the authorities of the said workshop and stores; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government received certain resolutions of this committee relating to the service grievances of the workers. It was also alleged that there were thefts of articles and tools from workshop. It was found on investigation that these so-called thefts referred to one solitary case of the loss of 59 obsolete silver badges. Action is being taken to recover the cost of these badges from those responsible for their loss."

B.C.G. Campaign in the City.

* 852 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is now any B.C.G. Campaign in this State;

(*b*) if so, in which parts of the State this campaign is conducted;

(*c*) how much money has been collected by selling tuberculosis seals during 1953–54; and

(*d*) how much money has been spent for the campaign in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) In Madras City only.

" (*c*) The Tuberculosis Seal Sale Campaign, 1953–54, the fourth of the series, started on 2nd October 1953 and terminated on 26th January 1954. The District Organizations are collecting the sale-proceeds from various agencies in their